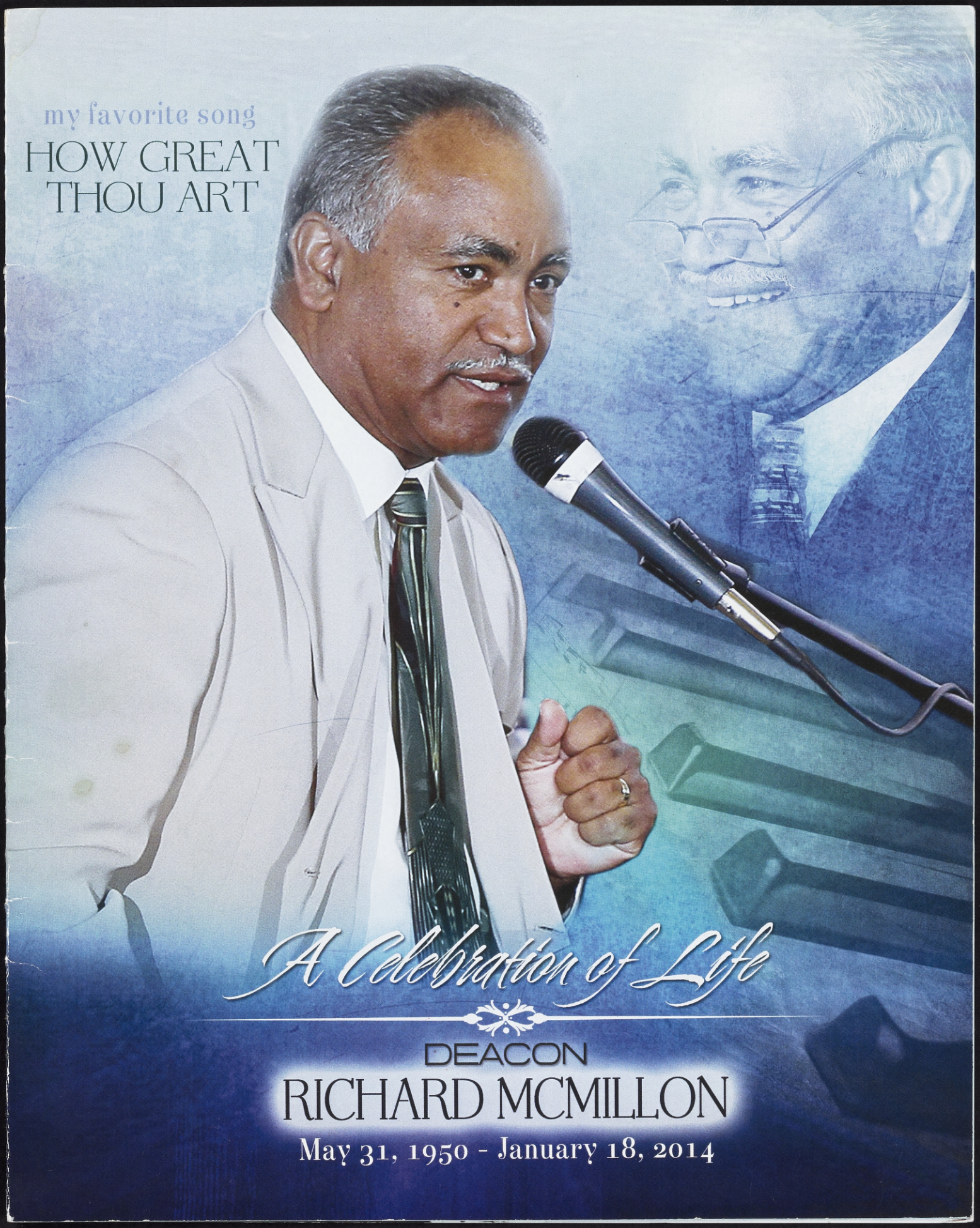

my favorite song
HOW GREAT THOU ART
A Celebration of Life
DEACON
RICHARD MCMILLON
May 31, 1950 - January 18, 2014

Celebrating
the Life & Legacy
of

A HUSBAND FATHER *Musician* & BUSINESSMAN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014 ~ 10:00 A.M.

BIG VALLEY GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
4040 Tully Rd | Modesto, CA 95356
Supt. Archie LeVias, Jr. ~ Officiating

Order of Celebration

Mistress of Ceremony ~ Missionary Paula Bates

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy, Family & Friends

ORGAN PRELUDE — Kenny McMillon

PRAYER — Elder Michael Thomas

SCRIPTURE:
Old Testament — Elder Robert Hightower
New Testament — Minister Victor Villa

CONGREGATIONAL SELECTION — Miss'y Ressie Cameron

CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS EXPRESSIONS (*two minutes*)
Sis. Marilyn Hudec
Bro. & Sis. Conaway
Bro. Jessie Lee, Jr.

MUSIC SELECTION — Mass Choir

PASTORAL REMARKS — Supt. Paul D. Bates
Prayer Garden COGIC

FAMILY EXPRESSIONS — Supt. Booker McMillon
Keatchie, Louisiana

CLERGY EXPRESSIONS — Bishop J.W. Macklin
NorCal Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Prelate

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES
Missionary Jacqueline Bates

SOLO — Minister Michael Jackson

OBITUARY — Silent Reading

RESOLUTION
Missionary Rosemary McFadden

SERMONIC SOLO — Missionary Vernell McMillon-Alexander

EULOGY

SUPT. ARCHIE LEVIAS, JR.
Pastor, Seed of Joy Worship Center

Parting View & Recessional

Bio Sketch

RICHARD MCMILLON was born May 31, 1950, in Keatchie, Louisiana to Golden and Jefferson McMillon. He was saved at age 11, and received the Holy Ghost in 1969.

He received his formal education in Keatchie, Louisiana and then the family moved to California and he attended Samuel Ayer in Milpitas and graduated from Overfelt High School in San Jose. Richard attended the University of Santa Clara, graduated and received a Bachelor of Science Degree where he majored in Business Administration/Finance.

The family became members of Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ; and with God's anointing and without music lessons—in 1967, he begin to play the organ for the church and choir. At that time, Sis. Ollye McMillon *(then Ollye Thomas)* was the pianist, along with Bro. McMillon's mother, Sis. Golden McMillon.

Richard and Ollye were united in Holy Matrimony September 12, 1970, and to this union they were blessed with two daughters, Lori and Stacie.

Richard and Ollye continued to serve as musicians for Prayer Garden. He served for 10 years as ***Minister of Music for the San Jose/Palo Alto District*** under the late Bishop Milton Mathis and ***Assistant Minister of Music for the Northwest California Jurisdiction State Music Department*** for two years.

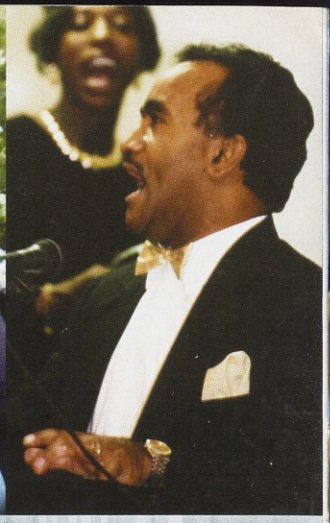
Deacon and Sis. McMillon served 15 years in the ***prison ministry***. He and his mother held weekly Bible studies at the Elmwood Rehabilitation Center in Milpitas, CA. He later worked with Elder A. LeVias, Sis. Coleniest Davis, Brother Don Gill and others in the prison ministry. For 18 years, he served as a ***Trustee Board member and Corporate Secretary of the Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ.***

Deacon McMillon served in banking and finance industry for 24 years. He worked as a Branch Manager, Vice President and Senior Loan Officer for 15 years. In 1994, he formed his own corporation RMH, Inc. along with his business partner, Sis. Marilyn Hudec.

In January 1992, Deacon McMillon obeyed the call of the Lord to come to Modesto to help escalate the "SEED OF JOY" Ministry under the leadership of Pastor Archie LeVias, Jr., and he served as ***Minister of Music and Chairman of the Trustee Board.***

He leaves to cherish his memory, **his wife**, Ollye, of Riverbank, CA, **his daughters**, Lori Harris *(Richard – Son in-law)*, of Riverbank, CA, and Stacie McMillon, of Modesto, CA. **Four Grandchildren**, Alan Conde, Kenneth Payton, Raniya Harris of Riverbank, CA, and Jeremy Adams-McMillon, of Modesto, CA. **Two brothers**, Foster McMillon *(Elda)* of Las Vegas, NV. and Fritz McMillon *(Glenda)* of Wiggins, MS; **Four sisters**, Elsie McMillon of Indianapolis, IN, Betty McMillon of Denver, CO, Jeraldine El Ashery of Carthage, TX, and Vernell Alexander *(Lance)* of Shreveport, LA. His father and mother, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. A host of nieces and nephews, close friends and church family.

Cherished Memories



Active Pallbearers

Alan Conde ~ Jeremy Adams-McMillon
Richard Harris ~ Jeff Hudec
Larry Hudec ~ Lavalle Lee

Honorary Pallbearers

J.B. Anthony ~ Don Gill
Foster McMillon ~ Milton McMillon
Jeff McMillon ~ Martin Rigmaiden
Darryl McMillon ~ Charles Rigmaiden

Repast following celebration service
Seed of Joy Worship Center
536 Kiernan Avenue
Modesto, CA 95356

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your prayers and support during a very difficult time for our family. We sincerely appreciate your words of encouragement and sentiments of love.
THE MCMILLON FAMILY

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SALAS BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPEL
419 Scenic Drive
Modesto, CA 95350

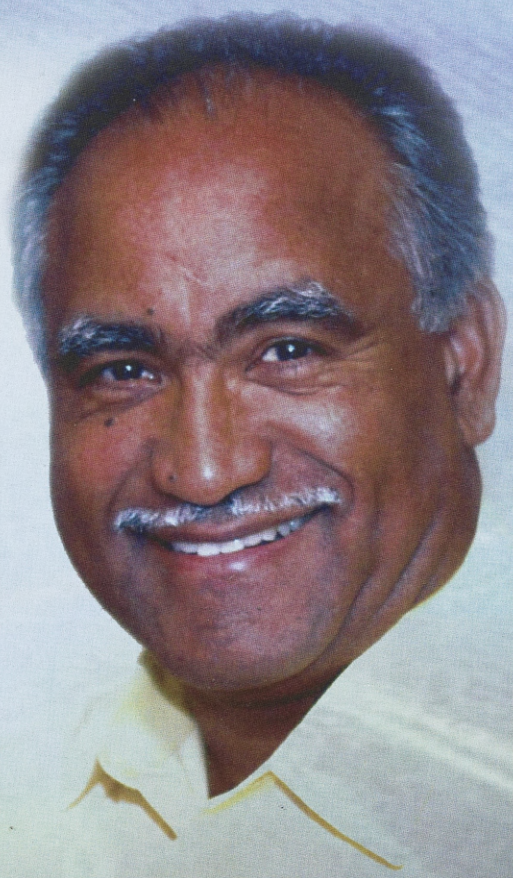
"RICHARD"

Richard, God gave you a humble, loving, and
Invincible spirit! You have lifted so many through
Christ Jesus and with humility, bought joy to the
Hearts of us all, with song, laughter
And exalting words! Be encouraged for your
Rewards will be everlasting on the Lord's Great
Day! When he tells you, Well Done!

"You are a sweet song in our Hearts!"

Psalm 34:1
"I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Written Especially for Richard
by your sister, Jeraldine McMillon



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